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#### **DEAR TROJANS:**

The 2024-2025 year for TROY Athletics was highlighted by overall program consistency and appearances in postseason play. This report provides a valuable snapshot of our progress.

We are one of the most competitive programs in the Sun Belt Conference, as 8 of our 11 team sports posted winning records.

Our men's and women's basketball teams continued to excel. Our men's team earned a spot in the Top 64 of the NCAA Tournament and was featured on a national broadcast. Our women earned the right to play in the WNIT Championship, reaching our greatest postseason success in program history.

Our men's golf team also made headlines. For the first time in program history, our golfers competed for the NCAA Championship.

In the classroom, 12 of our 15 sports posted a 3.0 GPA or higher, representing 212 of our student athletes.

We delve into these stories and much more inside these pages. The future of Troy University Athletics shines brightly. Please read this report carefully, and please continue to support our athletic teams with your attendance and investment.

**Go Trojans!** 

Sincerely,

Jack Hawkins, Jr., Ph.D. Chancellor







#### **TROJAN NATION:**

As we look back on the 2024-2025 athletic year, I am thankful for the amazing support we have from our great university and university administration led by Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. and his incredible support of our student-athletes, coaches and staff. His leadership and support also paved the way for us to break ground and begin construction on the Indoor Practice Facility that will be completed soon.

Our philanthropic giving reached all-time highs and included a \$1M gift towards the Indoor Practice Facility, a \$500,000 gift to name the Football Locker Room and a \$250,000 gift to name the RBI Club. Our success continued in Trojan Arena as our men's basketball program won the regular season and conference tournament titles and our women's basketball program advanced to the WNIT Championship game.

Our baseball program was the only mid-major program ranked every single week of the regular season. Additionally, our men's golf program advanced to the NCAA Regionals where they finished 4th. They then went on to compete for the National Championship for the first time in our Division I era and finished 29th in America!

Our student-athletes also won in the community and in the classroom. Collectively, our student-athletes produced the most community service hours in program history for the third consecutive year and recorded the third straight year with a cumulative GPA above a 3.0. All of this shows that you can truly be proud of the success accomplished by our student-athletes and coaches as they proudly represent Troy University.

Your continued support, passion and generosity allow our programs to continue to produce records in all facets of our athletics program. Thank you for making 2024-2025 one of the most successful years ever — here's to more as we turn the page to 2025-2026!

Go Trojans!

Sincerely,

**Brent Jones** 

**Director of Athletics** 

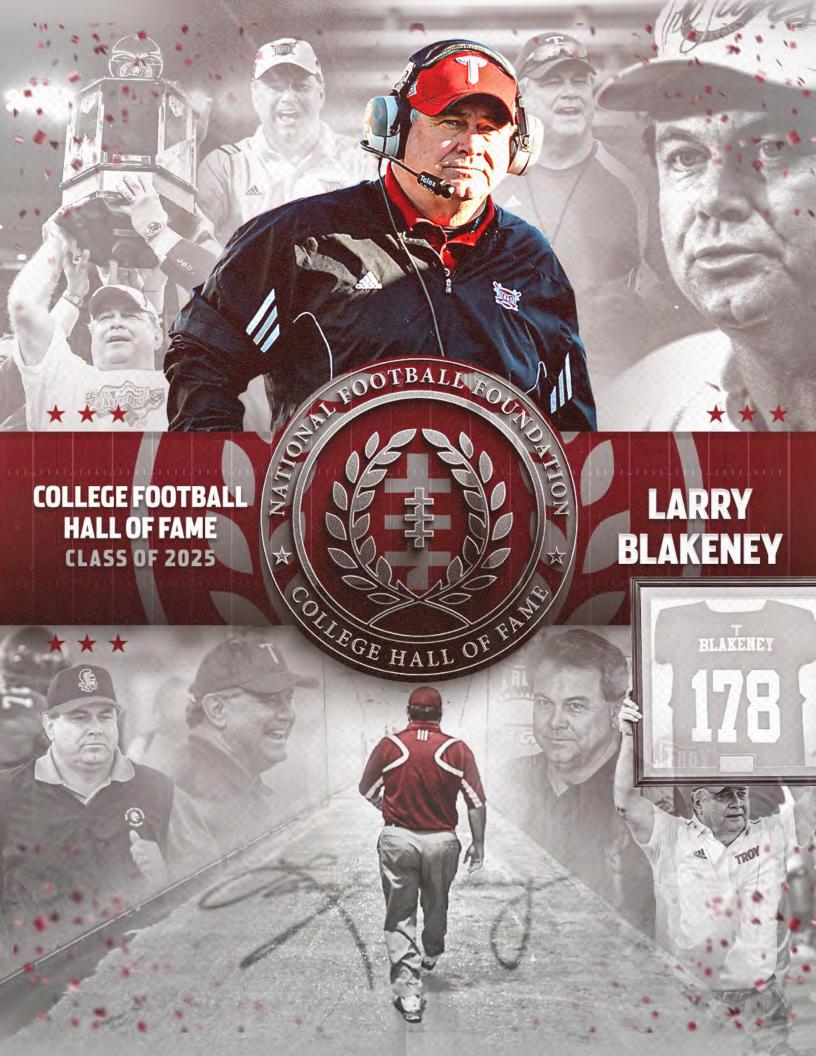




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### TROY'S LARRY BLAKENEY SELECTED FOR ENSHRINEMENT IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

#### LEGENDARY TROY FOOTBALL HEAD COACH LARRY BLAKENEY will be

enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame as a member of the 2025 class, the National Football Foundation announced Wednesday.

#### The all-time winningest coach in both Troy and Sun Belt Conference history,

Larry Blakeney led the Trojans to eight conference titles while becoming one of only two coaches in history to guide a program from Division II ultimately to the Football Bowl Subdivision. The Birmingham, Alabama, native now becomes the first-ever player or coach in Troy history or Sun Belt Conference (tenure came during SBC membership) history to enter the College Football Hall of Fame.

"I think one of the most important appointments at Troy University in athletics over the last four decades was when we selected Coach Larry Blakeney to head our football program," Troy Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr. said. "His record speaks for itself. He's a great coach, but even a better man. It has been an honor to work with him over a long period of time, and in my estimation, there is no one more deserving of this recognition than Larry Blakeney. He is the epitome of what a coach should be."

Blakeney will be joined by Urban Meyer, Nick Saban and Larry Korver as the coaches in the 2025 class, while 18 former players were also selected for induction.

The 2025 class will be officially inducted during the 67th NFF Annual Awards Dinner on December 9, 2025, at the Bellagio Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. The inductees will also be recognized at their respective collegiate institutions with NFF Hall of Fame On-Campus Salutes during the fall. Their accomplishments will forever be immortalized at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

"Coach Blakeney's roots are intertwined with the history and tradition of Troy Football, and there is nobody more deserving to grace the halls of the College Football Hall of Fame than him," Troy Director of Athletics Brent Jones said.

During his 24 seasons as the Troy head coach, Blakeney won 61.1 percent of his games, posting a career record of 178-113-1. He led the Trojans to five bowl games, securing victories in the 2006 and 2010 New Orleans bowls and appearances in the 2004 Silicon Valley Bowl, the 2008 New Orleans Bowl and the 2010 GMAC Bowl. Prior to Troy's transition to the FBS, he guided the Trojans to seven FCS playoff appearances in eight seasons.

Scan the QR code to the right to read the full story online.



## TROY ATHLETICS RECORD-BREAKING ATTENDANCE







#### **2024 - 2025 BASKETBALL**

- Highest total season tickets ever in program history
- First season in program history that all suites were sold out on a season-long basis
- 2024-2025 basketball ticket revenue was up 39% compared to 2023-2024 season and marks all-time high







#### **2025 BASEBALL**

40% increase in baseball ticket revenue and highest single year

# TROY ATHLETICS RECORD-BREAKING ATTENDANCE







#### **2024 FOOTBALL**

- Two top 10 crowds at Veterans Memorial Stadium
   #4 29,024 vs. Florida A&M
   #9 27,412 vs. Nevada
- Most total season tickets in program history



## TROY ATHLETICS RECORD-BREAKING REVENUE



### **SPONSORSHIPS**

Troy Athletics saw a **20% increase** in sponsorships year-over-year & highest single year



### PHILANTHROPIC GIVING



Troy Athletics saw a **80% increase** in philanthropic giving year-over-year & highest single year

#### **GIFTS**

- \$1,000,000 gift toward indoor practice facility
- \$500,000 gift to name football locker room
- \$250,000 gift to name RBI Club



### TROY ATHLETICS SELECTS THELINKU TO MAXIMIZE NIL OPPORTUNITIES FOR TROJAN STUDENT-ATHLETES

#### THELINKU, THE PREMIER NIL PLATFORM

focused on simplifying and enhancing opportunities for college athletes and institutions, has announced a new partnership with Trojans Together Collective and Troy University. The partnership will help maximize Troy's NIL opportunities for student-athletes across all 16 sports **programs.** Troy Athletics will have complete access to TheLinkU's full suite of services, including national brand partnerships that provide tremendous cost savings, general manager and revenue sharing modeling software, NIL marketplace, personalized merchandise shop, tools to help studentathletes build and grow their personal brands, and financial seminars and wealth advisors, among other resources.

Troy Athletics is grateful to co-founders Chuck Carson and Jason Jones for establishing the Trojans Together Collective to support Troy University student-athletes. For the past two and a half years, Trojans Together has truly embodied their mission to Build Communities,

Empower Players and Win Together. This partnership will allow for all aspects of the Trojans Together collective and its operations to be run by TheLinkU.

"I'm very excited about this milestone in NIL at Troy University," Chuck Carson, co-founder and president of Trojans Together Collective, said. "It's been an honor to be involved with the founding and operating of Trojans Together Collective and I know this new partnership is the right next step. I look forward to supporting the Collective and our new partnership with TheLinkU as we seek to lead the way in NIL in the Sun Belt Conference and beyond."

"It makes us feel great knowing that we are transitioning our operations to experienced and capable leaders with LinkU," Jason Jones, co-founder and vice president of Trojans Together Collective, said.

The Link U also fosters sustainable revenue generation for universities through more than 30 strategic business partnerships, including

the recently announced Victory Campus initiative from Victory Snacks. With these partnerships, TheLinkU significantly decreases the need for donor contributions and creates long-term financial opportunities, enabling athletic departments to achieve NIL success while maintaining financial stability.

"As a former student-athlete, it's my goal, and the goal of TheLinkU, to equip student-athletes and athletic departments with the tools they need to maximize success," Austin Elrod, founder and president of TheLinkU, said. "I have been in the shoes of these student-athletes, and I have worked shoulder-to-shoulder with numerous athletic directors across the country to help build championship-level NIL programs. That is why we can offer solutions that no one else can within the NIL space."

Read the full story at **Troy Trojans.com** 

To learn more about TheLinkU, visit

TheLinkU.com



#### **RECORD-BREAKING LICENSING & CREATIONS**

#### TROY ATHLETICS SAW A 30% INCREASE IN LICENSING year-over-

year and the highest total in a single year. Troy also launched **offically licensed beer and bourbons** and partnered with Mano's wine to create unique wine bottle designs.

#### **CLYDE MAYS BOURBONS**

Troy University Athletics launced two bourbons, in partnership with Clyde May's and Pete's Package Store. Their creation marked Troy's first officially licensed straight bourbon whiskey for fans to enjoy.

The first limited release featured 200 bottles of a single barrel, cask strength (112.5 proof), aged five years straight bourbon whiskey handpicked by L.C. May, the grandson of Clyde May. The bottle design features a deep cardinal red label in honor of Troy, while two unique side labels highlight the Troy fight song and commemorate this finely crafted bourbon.

Following the successful release of Troy's

first officially licensed bourbon whiskey, Troy
Athletics, Clyde May's and Pete's Package Store
announced a limited-release Troy-branded
commemorative bottle and bag featuring Clyde
May's signature product – the ever-popular
Alabama Style Whiskey (85 proof).

The limited edition run, which includes 500 bottles, featured Clyde May's signature product – the ever-popular Alabama Style Whiskey (85 proof). Each bottle will include a commemorative sticker on the bottle and will be packaged in a commemorative Cardinal velvet bag with the Troy script logo on one side and Clyde May's logo on the other.

#### **TROJAN ALE**

Troy Athletics, in partnership with longtime supporter Horn Beverage and Folklore Brewing and Meadery, announced Troy's first officially licensed craft beer for Trojan fans to enjoy.

Trojan Ale, a session blonde ale, officially debuted to the public at Troy Football's season opener against Nevada on Aug. 31 in The Vet.

Following the season opener, Trojan Ale became available in stores and restaurants throughout the Wiregrass region.

#### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WINE COLLECTION

Troy Athletics added four bottles to its collection with Mano's Wine in Fall 2024, as fans could purchase bottles celebrating Troy's three national championships.

New to the collection are bottles individually celebrating Troy's three national championship teams and one jointly celebrating the 1984 and 1987 NCAA Division II champions.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL SUN BELT CHAMPIONSHIP WINE BOTTLE

Troy Athletics and Mano's Wine expanded their Troy collection once again in Spring 2025 with the addition of a commemorative bottle celebrating Troy's 2025 Sun Belt Men's Basketball Championship.

## TROY ATHLETICS TROJAN TOUR



#### THE 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TROJAN TOUR

hit the road this spring and summer with seven stops across Alabama.

Featuring Director of Athletics Brent Jones, football head coach Gerad Parker, men's basketball head coach Scott Cross plus other coaches, Trojan Tour visited Troy, Montgomery, Dothan, Enterprise, Birmingham, Ozark and Luverne.

"Trojan Tour is one of our favorite events of the year as we are able to **get out on the road and visit our tremendous fans**," Jones said. "Our staff and coaches always look forward to this opportunity to visit with our fans. We had a great lineup again this year, and had an amazing time talking about the incredible experiences and accomplishments our teams have achieved this past year."







## TROY ATHLETICS FACILITY UPGRADES - GOLF CLUBHOUSE



**THE TROY GOLF CLUBHOUSE WAS UPDATED** prior to the 2024-25 season to reflect the rich history of the Troy men's and women's golf programs. The new branding highlights Troy's National Championship teams, numerous All-Americans and conference championship teams.







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## TROY ATHLETICS FACILITY UPGRADES - GOLF CLUBHOUSE







### TROY ATHLETICS FACILITY UPGRADES - INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY





### TROY UNIVERSITY BEGAN CONSTRUCTION ON THE TROY ATHLETICS INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY

in December 2024. The \$11.6 million facility is scheduled to open in September 2025.

"The indoor facility is an incredibly important addition to our football program— which is built upon a tradition of success," Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr. said. "We are very proud of our Trojans and appreciate the support of our Trustees and the Troy family in making this facility a reality."

The facility will be built behind Trojan Arena on one of the four existing grass practice fields adjacent to George Wallace Drive.
Featuring a brick exterior to match the architectural beauty across Troy's campus, the 88,000-square foot facility features a fully covered 120-yard field with turf that replicates the playing surface in The Vet.

"On behalf of our Board of Trustees, it is my pleasure to express our collective support for this state-of-the-art facility," said Gibson Vance, President Pro-Tempore of Troy's Board of Trustees. "As trustees, we are committed to ensuring the success our student-athletes, both in the classroom and on the field."

The multi-use facility will primarily be used by the Troy Football program but will also serve as an option for Troy's other athletic programs when inclement weather does not allow for outdoor practice. Troy Athletics secured an anonymous \$1 million philanthropic commitment to support the construction of an indoor practice facility in October.

"I am very thankful and appreciative of Chancellor Hawkins and our Board of Trustees' vision and support in making the indoor practice facility a reality," Director of Athletics Brent Jones said. "This project is a critical piece of our continued success and will not only benefit our football program but also impact many of our other athletic programs."

The Indoor Practice Facility joins the North End Zone Facility, which opened in August 2018, as recent facility additions for Troy Football. The Trojans are the most successful program in Sun Belt Conference history, with a league-leading eight conference championships, and Troy is the only school in league history with 100 conference victories.

"This is a game changer for our program and for our student-athletes," football head coach Gerad Parker said. "I am so thankful for Chancellor Hawkins and the Board of Trustees for their support of this facility that will continue to elevate our program in the Sun Belt and nationally."

# TROY ATHLETICS FACILITY UPGRADES - INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY









## TROY ATHLETICS POSTSEASON APPEARANCES





#### MEN'S GOLF

The 2025 Troy men's golf team made program history, advancing to the NCAA Championship for the first time in the program's Division I history. Led by Sun Belt Coach of the Year Clay Bounds, the Trojans earned an at-large berth into the NCAA Regionals and finished fourth at the NCAA Urbana Regional to qualify for the NCAA Championship in Carlsbad, Calif., where Troy finished as one of the top 30 men's golf programs in the country.

Troy's run to greatness started on the first week of the season with the Trojans claiming victory at the Argent Financial Classic in Ruston,
La. The Trojans finished the fall ranked No.
81 in the country and climbed to No. 46 in the spring, sparked by the return of Brantley Scott to the lineup. Troy added a second tournament victory in the spring, winning the Daytona Beach Intercollegiate.

Scott earned Troy's first **All-America honor** in more than three decades and finished the season ranked No. 41 in the country. Jake Springer, who became the **first Trojan to win two individual tournaments** since 2007, joined Scott on the All-Sun Belt First Team and Nick Fowlkes earned an All-SBC Third Team nod. Sophomore Lee Poppell and Pablo Gracia played in all 13 tournaments and combined to shoot 18 rounds under-par.

#### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

The most consistent program in the Sun Belt Conference, Troy broke through in 2024-25 winning both the Sun Belt Regular Season and Sun Belt Tournament titles en route to its first appearance in March Madness since 2017.

Led by head coach Scott Cross, the Trojans posted a **23-11 overall record** and 13-5 mark in the Sun Belt. Troy's 23 wins were its most since the 2003-04 season and marked the fourth straight season the program reached 20-plus wins, the most in the Sun Belt.

Troy defeated Old Dominion and James Madison by a combined 35 points in the Sun Belt quarterfinals and semifinals, respectively, before using a 36-15 run over the final 10 minutes against Arkansas State in the SBC Championship Game in a 94-81 victory over the Red Wolves.

The Trojans squared off against No. 3 seed
Kentucky in the second round of the NCAA
Tournament in Milwaukee, Wisc., and used an 11-4
run in the second half to get within six points of the
Wildcats before UK pulled away for the victory.

Troy's appearance in the NCAA Tournament landed the Trojans in Primetime as the game was broadcast on CBS in the 6 p.m. slot on Friday.

The Trojans entered their NCAA Tournament appearance, having won six straight games and eight of their last nine. Tayton Conerway earned Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year honors and Cross picked up the 100th win of his Troy career in the regular season finale, a 70-58 victory at Southern Miss to clinch the regular season title.

#### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Troy women's basketball made history as the Trojans advanced to the WNIT Championship Game one season after reaching the WNIT Semifinals. Head coach Chanda Rigby's crew became the first team in program history to advance to the title game of a postseason tournament.

Troy's run to the championship game was a grueling affair. After home wins over Chattanooga and North Texas (in overtime), Rigby's crew played three straight games on the road – all without coming home – with stops in Fargo, N.D., Normal, Ill., and finally Buffalo, N.Y.

The Trojans' success started early in the season as they became the first Sun Belt Conference team to win the historic Great Alaska Shootout, becoming the 41st winner with an 86-69 victory over North Dakota State.

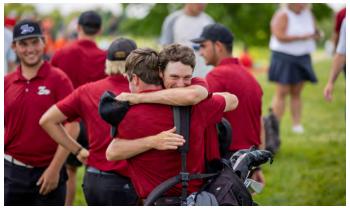
A month later, Troy **defeated SEC opponent Arkansas** 77-69 for the program's fourth-ever win over a Power-4 team.

Troy broke its program record for points (3,045), field goals made (1,142), rebounds (1,864) and blocks (180). Additionally, the Trojans finished as a **top-4 seed in the Sun Belt Conference** for the 10<sup>th</sup> straight season and led the country in rebounding for the eighth straight season with 49.1 per game.

# TROY ATHLETICS POSTSEASON - MEN'S GOLF













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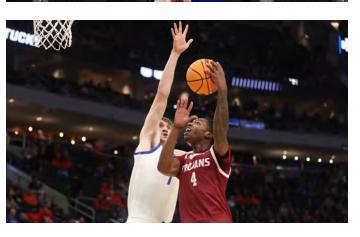
# TROY ATHLETICS POSTSEASON - MEN'S BASKETBALL













## TROY ATHLETICS POSTSEASON-WOMEN'S BASKETBALL













## TROY ATHLETICS FOREIGN TOUR - WOMEN'S BASKETBALL







#### THE TROY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM ENRICHED ITSELF IN AN EIGHT-DAY FOREIGN TOUR TO COSTA RICA,

where the team had numerous on and off-court experiences.

After its Fab 4 appearance in 2023-24, head coach Chanda Rigby relished the opportunity to travel with a roster that contained just three returners and nine newcomers. The trip allowed the team to develop its chemistry with back-to-back victories over the Costa



Rica National Teams while going on excursions via foot, yachts, horses and ATVs.

Troy also showed a helping hand as it hosted two basketball clinics for the youth in San Jose, where they taught the next generation the fundamentals of basketball. On their way to Los Sueños and Jaco, the Trojans also visited a local orphanage to play soccer and basketball with a bit of dancing.

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# TROY ATHLETICS FOREIGN TOUR - WOMEN'S BASKETBALL









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# TROY ATHLETICS TROJANS IN THE COMMUNITY









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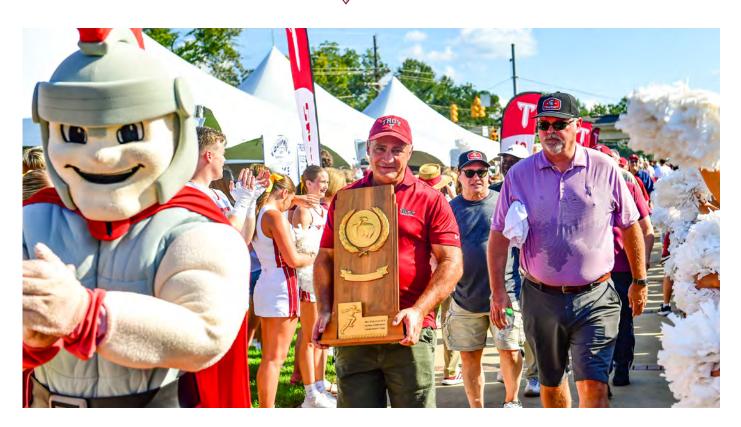






## TROY ATHLETICS 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF 1984 DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP





#### TROY FOOTBALL WELCOMED BACK THE 1984 NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**TEAM** on Sept. 21 when the Trojans hosted Florida A&M at The Vet. The celebration included a teamonly reception on Friday, a pregame tailgate party and in-game recognition.

All returning members of the 1984 National Championship Team received complimentary tickets to the game, a commemorative coin and joined the 2024 team for Trojan Walk before the game.

On the field, Troy wore special 1984 throwback helmets, and fans in attendance for the game received a free commemorative poster and t-shirt to celebrate the  $40^{\rm th}$  anniversary of Troy's second national championship.

Troy Athletics also partnered with Mano's Wine prior to the game for the creation of speciality designed wine bottles highlighting the team's success.





#### **TROY ATHLETICS** 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF T-ROY











**DURING THE 2025 HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME**, Troy celebrated T-Roy's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his debut as the university's beloved mascot.

T-Roy recieved an in-game recognition and was joined by his "family" through the game against the Chanticleers on Nov.  $2^{nd}$ .



## TROY ATHLETICS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



- Made its first postseason championship game appearance, advancing through Chattanooga, North Texas, North Dakota State and Illinois State to finish runner-up to Buffalo.
- Zay Dyer was named Co-Female Athlete of the Year at the 2024-25 Trojan Tribute.
- Troy broke its program record for points (3,045), field goals made (1,142), rebounds (1,864) and blocks (180).
- The Trojans became the **first Sun Belt Conference team to win the historic Great Alaska Shootout**, becoming the 41st winner with an 86-69 victory over North Dakota State Zay Dyer earned All-Tournament Team and Shaulana Wagner was named Most Outstanding Player.
- In the 2024 Cherokee Tournament, **Troy defeated SEC opponent Arkansas** 77-69 for the program's fourth-ever win over a Power-4 team.
- Zay Dyer earned All-Sun Belt First Team with 13.8 points, 10.4 rebounds and a block per game.
- After a runner-up finish in the WNIT Tournament, Briana Peguero and Zay Dyer were named to the WNIT All-Tournament Team.
- Shaulana Wagner became the first-ever Trojan to secure a triple-double with 12 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds against Memphis.
- Zay Dyer broke the **program record for total rebounds** with 395, claiming a record that stood since 1979-80 with Kathy Russell.
- For the 10<sup>th</sup> straight season, the Trojans finished as a **top-4 seed in the Sun Belt Conference** they finished top-3 for the eighth time in the last 10 seasons.
- Head coach **Chanda Rigby earned her 250**th **career victory at Troy** with an 86-66 win over Texas State she became the third coach in SBC history with 150-plus victories in league play.
- Defeated Texas State in San Marcos 105-58 for the program's largest margin of victory ever in a Sun Belt road game.
- Troy led the country in rebounding for the eighth straight season with 49.1 per game.
- Zay Dyer became the first Trojan since 2017-18 to earn back-to-back Sun Belt Player of the Week nods.

#### TROY ATHLETICS **SOCCER**



- Troy went **4-2-1 against non-conference opponents** in 2024. Head coach Stuart Gore boasts an impressive 9-5-1 nonconference record in his first two seasons leading the Trojans.
- Troy's **offense ranked second in the Sun Belt** with 5.29 corner kicks per game.
- An abundance of Troy's production came from its young talent, with 47.2% of the team's points coming from freshmen and sophomores.
- Delaney Wells led the team with six points on three goals, including game-winning goals against Eastern Washington and Southern.
- Jiselle Daniels' 30 shots in Sun Belt Conference games tied for third in the league. Her 12 shots on goal in conference play tied for eighth.
- Despite missing the first seven games due to injury, Daniels' 30 shots were tied for the most by a Trojan since 2019.
- Jiselle Daniels scored the game-winning goal in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute of Troy's 1-0 win at Coastal Carolina. It was Troy's first game-winning goal in the final ten minutes of regulation since 2019.
- Goalkeeper Nittany Vega finished the season with **back-to-back shutouts** against Coastal Carolina and Arkansas State. It was the first time Troy recorded consecutive shutouts of Sun Belt opponents since 2018.
- Goalkeepers Une Georgsen and Nittany Vega each recorded two shutouts in 2024. It was the first time Troy had two goalkeepers each post multiple clean sheets since 2017.

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## TROY ATHLETICS FOOTBALL



- First season under head coach Gerad Parker; the Trojans won three of their last four games and closed out the season as one of the best teams in the nation during the month of November.
- The Trojans landed the **Sun Belt's top recruiting class** in Dec. 2024, signing 15 players with an 83.54 average per industry leader On 3.
- Troy entered the season as one of the most inexperienced teams in the country and then lost starting quarterback Goose Crowder after just 11 quarters of play. Troy's 12 players in their final year of eligibility were the fewest in the country, while Troy's 46 scholarship newcomers ranked third most nationally. Three different players started multiple games at quarterback and the Trojans used six different combinations on the offensive line.
- The Trojans produced **the first 1,000-yard rushing and receiving duo in more than a decade** and just the third in program history as Damien Taylor rushed for 1,010 yards and Devonte Ross recorded 1,043 receiving yards; Troy's first since 2012.
- Devonte Ross finished the regular **season fifth nationally with 11 touchdown catches and 15**th **in receiving yards**.
- Troy capped the season **scoring 28 or more points in its final five games**, averaging 35.8 points in those games. The Trojans ranked 19<sup>th</sup> nationally in November, averaging 449.8 yards per game and 14<sup>th</sup> in the month, averaging 37.0 points per game.
- Troy was one of the most efficient teams in the country, ranking **second in the red zone and fifth on third downs**.
- **Ten Trojans landed on All-Sun Belt Teams**, highlighted by Devonte Ross' inclusion thrice, as a first team receiver and all-purpose selection and as the return specialist on the second team.
- Troy, which had to replace 10 starters on defense from 2023, **ranked as a top 25 defense in November**; the Trojans closed out his first season third in the Sun Belt, allowing just 143.3 rushing yards per game and led the league, allowing 122.5 rushing yards in league contests.
- The Trojans **led the Sun Belt allowing just 32 third-down conversions during league play** and allowed just 13 passing touchdowns all season, the second fewest in the league and 24<sup>th</sup> fewest nationally.

#### TROY ATHLETICS **MEN'S TENNIS**



- Troy men's tennis went **20-8 overall** in 2024 2025.
- Troy wrapped up its season as the **seventh-ranked team in the ITA Southern Regional Rankings**, with Hiiro Sakamoto placed 19<sup>th</sup> individually for singles.
- The Trojans advanced to the **Sun Belt Conference semifinals** with a 4-3 win over Louisiana.
- Yeray Andres Pastor was named to the **2025 CoSIDA Academic All-District Team**.
- As a team, men's tennis finished with the **highest GPA among all male sports at Troy**.
- Hiiro Sakamoto was awarded **Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year** with a 26-7, 5-2 SBC singles record and 20-8, 2-1 SBC doubles record.
- Yeray Andres Pastor earned All-Sun Belt Singles Second Team, while Noah Martens and Nicolas Simkin placed on the All-Sun Belt Doubles Second Team.
- Nicolas Simkin was named **Sun Belt Player of the Week** on April 16 with a doubles and singles victory over Georgia State.





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#### TROY ATHLETICS **WOMEN'S TENNIS**



- Troy women's tennis went **13-10 overall** in 2024 2025.
- Ended the season as the No. 10-ranked team in the ITA Southern Regional Rankings.
- The Trojans had four nods in Maria Guirguis, Gabrielle Leslie, Emilia Namyslo and Valeriia Avdeeva placed on the 2025 COSIDA Academic All-District Team.
- Troy defeated Coastal Carolina, 4-2, and App State, 4-3, to advance into the Sun Belt Conference Tournament semifinals.
- Maria Guirguis and Valeriia Avdeeva earned All-Sun Belt Singles Second Team at 22-10, 7-3 SBC and 24-6, 8-1 SBC, respectively.
- At the Samford Fall Invitational, Lenna Metwally excelled as she went 3-0 in singles and 2-0 in doubles.
- Troy managed to sweep six opponents, including three league opponents in Texas State, Louisiana and ULM.
- Troy women's tennis excelled in the historic Roberta Alison Fall Classic, finishing 7-2 in singles and 2-1 in doubles through two days. The match saw Maria Guirguis and Valeriia Avdeeva combine for a 6-0 in singles and 2-0 in doubles with wins over Louisville, Mississippi State, Auburn, Georgia and South Alabama.

#### TROY ATHLETICS MEN'S GOLF



- Advanced to the NCAA Championship for the time in Troy's Division I history after finishing fourth at the NCAA Urbana Regional.
- Brantley **Scott was named to the Golfweek All-America Team as an honorable mention selection**; first Trojan since 1993 to earn All-America honors.
- Troy finished the season ranked No. 49 in the country after finishing No. 29 at the NCAA Championship. Brantley
   Scott finished ranked No. 41 nationally after tying for 36th place at the NCAA Championship.
- The Trojans earned an at-large berth into the NCAA Regionals for the first time since 2017; Troy's No. 9 seed in the Urbana Regional was its highest in program history.
- Jake Springer (T5), Brantley Scott (T8) and Lee Poppell (T18) turned in top 20 finishes in Troy's run through the NCAA Urbana Regional.
- Brantley Scott and Jake Springer were named to the All-Sun Belt First Team and Nick Fowlkes earned All-Sun Belt Third
   Team honors.
- Clay Bounds was named the **Sun Belt Conference Men's Golf Coach of the Year**, the first Troy men's golf coach to earn the honor.
- Jake Springer became the first Trojan golfer since 2007 to win multiple individual championships in a season; he won
  the Everett Buick GMC Classic in the fall and the All-American Intercollegiate in the spring.
- Brantley Scott picked up his first career victory, winning the Dayton Beach Intercollegiate, one of two Troy team victories on the season.
- Troy earned team wins in the season opener at the Argent Financial Classic and in its second tournament of the spring at the Daytona Beach Intercollegiate, the first time since 2022 that Troy won multiple events in a season.
- Jake Springer led the Trojans with 17 individual rounds under-par, followed by Brantley Scott (13), Nick Fowlkes (12) and Lee Poppell (11). Scott played 13 of his 24 total rounds in the red.
- The Trojans finished the season 119-65-2 in head-to-head matches, including victories over Arkansas, North Carolina,
   Nebraska, Missouri, Long Beach State, Kansas State, TCU, Texas Tech, UNLV and Virginia Tech.
- Troy's 829 at the Seminole Intercollegiate (par 70) was the second-lowest 54-hole score in program history, while Troy's 269 in the event was the lowest round in program history.
- Brantley Scott cared an 8-under 62 at the Seminole Intercollegiate, the **lowest score in program history and tied for the lowest round relative to par**.
- Troy shot 17 of its 39 team rounds under-par for the season and finished the year with a **program-record 1.23 score vs. par**.





#### TROY ATHLETICS WOMEN'S GOLF



- Troy finished the 2024-25 season with a winning record for a sixth straight season.
- Newcomer Victoria Stutts led Troy with six rounds under par and with a 75.22 stroke average.
- Troy won the Huntsville.org Intercollegiate behind three individuals in the top 10 as Victoria Stutts tied for second, Laura Fangmeyer tied for third and Mathilda Ringblom finished in eighth place. It marked the second straight season in which Troy has won a tournament title.
- Eight different Trojans played in a tournament during the season, with six playing in seven or more events.
- Troy golfers combined to shoot 11 rounds under par for the season.
- Victoria Stutts led Troy with **four top-10 finishes**, while Laura Fangmeyer had three in addition to one each from Alyssa Mercado and Mathilda Ringblom.
- Victoria Stutts and Laura Fanmeyer tied for the team lead with six top-25 finishes, followed by four from Katelynn Aletese, two from Alyssa Merdaco and one by Manya Saini and Mathilda Ringblom.
- Laura Fangmeyer led Troy with 94.1 percent (32-of-34) team rounds counting towards the team score and with two rounds in the 60s.
- Troy had a **pair of top four finishes** in addition to its victory; the Trojans placed third at the Green Wave Invitational, hosted by Tulane and fourth at the Lady Red Wolves Fall Classic, hosted by Arkansas State.

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#### TROY ATHLETICS BASEBALL



- Troy reached its **highest national ranking in program history with a No. 14** ranking by Baseball America in Weeks 12 and 13.
- Troy was ranked **No. 25 in the D1Baseball Preseason Top 25**, its first preseason ranking in program history.
- The 2025 Trojans were **ranked for 15 consecutive weeks from the preseason through Week 14**, which is the most weeks a Troy team has been ranked in program history.
- Troy finished at **39-21**, its third consecutive **37-plus win season** for the first time since 1996-98.
- Troy finished third in the Sun Belt for a third consecutive season, going 18-12 in conference play.
- Troy went 17-10 on the road. The Trojans 17 road wins tied for the 13th-most in college baseball.
- Skylar Meade finished his fourth season at the helm with a 148-89 overall record. **Meade's 148 wins are the most in the first four seasons of any head coach in Troy history**, edging out Bobby Pierce's 147 wins across his first four seasons from 2003-06.
- Troy was the only team in college baseball to win each of its first 13 series.
- Troy had **three All-Sun Belt honorees**. Blake Cavill led the way on the First Team while Brooks Bryan and Garrett Gainous followed on the Second Team.
- Troy took home a **league-best five Sun Belt Player of the Week awards**, all coming from different players in Shane Lewis (Week 1), Sean Darnell (Week 2), Gavin Schrader (Week 5), Blake Cavill (Week 11) and Brooks Bryan (Week 13).
- Troy's offense drew a program-record 122 hit-by-pitches.
- Troy finished the regular season as the only offense in college baseball to rank in the top 20 nationally in both hit-by-pitch ( $11^{th}$  122) and walks ( $19^{th}$  323).
- Blake Cavill's 65 walks following the conclusion of the Sun Belt Tournament ranked second nationally and tied the Troy record set by Jorge Soto in 1999. His .516 on-base percentage was the second highest in Troy's Division I history.
- Steven Meier's 29 hit-by-pitches set a new Troy record.
- Brooks Bryan ranked third in the Sun Belt Conference with 63 RBIs. He climbed to fifth in Troy history with 158 career RBIs.
- Grayson Stewart and Garrett Gainous each earned six wins on the season. Stewarts's 25 career wins are tied for third in Troy history and Gainous' 22 wins are tied for sixth.
- Garrett Gainous finished the season with the **third-most strikeouts in a Troy career** (262). Grayson Stewart also joined the **250-strikeout club** and finished the season ranked fifth in program history (251).
- Reliever Jay Dill struck out 70 hitters. His 12.86 strikeouts per nine innings led the Sun Belt Conference.





#### TROY ATHLETICS VOLLEYBALL



- Troy finished the 2024 season with a 13-14 record (8-8 Sun Belt). Head coach Josh Lauer's 13 wins in 2024 give him 120 wins in his eight seasons leading the Trojans, which is tied for the second most in program history.
- Troy's **3-2 win at LSU** on Aug. 31 was the program's eighth win against a Power Five opponent.
- Outside hitter Tori Hester was named an AVCA All-American Honorable Mention. She is the first player in program
   history to be named an ABCA All-American.
- Hester was named the Sun Belt Player of the Year and the Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Year. She is the first
   Trojan to win an individual Sun Belt postseason award and the fourth player in the conference's history to be named both
   Player of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year in the same season.
- Hester ranked in the top five nationally in kills per set (4th 5.10), attacks per set (4th 13.41) and points per set (5.79).
- Hester set the **Troy record for kills in a career** (1,767) **and points in a career** (2,021.5).
- Troy had two of the **Sun Belt's top ten kills per set leaders** in Tori Hester (1st 5.10) and Amiah Butler (10th 3.27). Hester's 5.10 kills per set is a single-season Troy record.
- Janelle Stuempfig was named the **Preseason Sun Belt Setter of the Year**. She finished the season with the ninth-most assists in a Troy career at 1,855.
- Troy took home four Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Week awards, with Tori Hester winning three times and Amiah
   Butler winning once.
- Caroline Darracott, Janelle Stuempfig, Jaci Mesa and Amiah Butler each earned Academic All-District honors.

#### TROY ATHLETICS SOFTBALL



- Troy softball went **33-24 overall** in 2025.
- For the first time in program history, the Trojans defeated Louisiana in a season series, walking off in games one and two.
- Taylor McKinney tied Sandy Atkins for the most runs scored in a single season with 54.
- Head coach **Eric Newell earned his 100**th win at **Troy** with a 12-2 victory over South Alabama.
- Alyssa Faircloth pitched a complete game no-hitter against UMass, 5-0.
- Troy earned a trio of awards with Taylor McKinney selected to the All-Sun Belt First Team, followed by Alyssa Faircloth and McKinnon Howard on the second team.
- McKinnon Howard shattered the **single-season record for batting average** with a .439 clip.
- Troy broke its **program record for the highest slugging percentage** at .506 with 63 home runs the **second straight** season with 60-plus homers.
- The Trojans recorded **21 sac flies for the most-ever in program history**.
- Troy went 5-for-5 with College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team with Cassidy Boltz, Alyssa Faircloth,
   Natalie Turner, Savannah Money and McKinnon Howard recognized.
- Taylor **McKinney earned NFCA All-Region Gulf Second Team** as an outfielder, leading the program in slugging percentage, runs scored, hits, RBIs, triples, homers and total bases.
- Annie **Orman hammered Troy's first inside-the-park home run** since 2013 against South Alabama.
- Alyssa Faircloth led the Sun Belt Conference in hits allowed per seven innings (5.01) and shutouts (4).
- Taylor McKinney became the third Trojan in program history to secure triple-digits for career walks with 100.
- Taylor McKinney and Annie Orman ended in the top 10 for single-season slugging percentage at .750 (third) and .677 (eighth), respectively.
- Taylor McKinney reached base safely for the most consecutive games in recorded program history at 36 she reached





#### TROY ATHLETICS TRACK & FIELD / CROSS COUNTRY



- Marc Davis sent three athletes, Altwayne Bedward, Shanyah Washington and Tydreke Thomas, to the NCAA South Region Preliminaries
- Troy cross country excelled in the JSU Foothills Invitational with **two top-10 individual finishes** via Keith Warner (seventh) and Alexiana Hinote (10th) for a season-best fifth place for the men and fourth for the women.
- Alexiana Hinote and Keith Warner swept the SBC Runner of the Week awards on Oct. 16.
- Kady Schwietz captured the heptathlon indoor program record with 3,809 points at the Sun Belt Conference Indoor Championships.
- Altwayne Bedward broke the program record for shot put in the indoor and outdoor season with an 18.26m and 18.87m, respectively.
- Abby Grosinske was the Troy recipient of the Sun Belt Conference Postgraduate Scholarship.
- After the Sun Belt Conference Outdoor Championships, 10 Trojans earned All-Sun Belt accolades, with Tydreke Thomas on the first team, Altwayne Bedward, Evan Brown, Michael Eady, Keylan Hicks, Jasmine Jiminez, Aaliyah Murphy, Kady Schwietz and Haley Wilson on the second team and Shanyah Washington on the third team.
- Tydreke Thomas took home **gold at the Sun Belt Conference**, winning the preliminary round of the 100m with a 10.14 and improving in the finals with a 10.13 to break the program record.
- Shanyah Washington broke the **program record in the 100m**, dashing her way to earn **Sun Belt Track Athlete of the**Week with an 11.20.
- The Trojans hosted their second straight meet in the Doc Anderson Invitational, earning **24 gold medals**.
- In the final meet of the year at the South Alabama Last Chance Meet, Troy claimed **three first-place finishes against SBC competition** via Evan Brown (100m), Altwayne Bedward (shot put) and Tydreke Thomas, Brown, Milos Nisic and Michael Eady (4x100m).
- Freshman Aaliyah Murphy earned **gold in a record-breaking performance via the 400m hurdles** at the Doc Anderson Invitational at 59.94.
- Kierra Montgomery, Imari Johnson, Kyra Dalluge and Reece Knowlton combined to shatter the **program record in the sprint medley relay** with a time of 3:45.63 at the Penn Relays.
- At the Jimmy Carnes Invitational, Jonas Koturenka broke the 1000m indoor program record at 2:30.16 for fifth.
- The relay teams for Troy prospered during the outdoor season with nine first-place finishes.

#### TROY ATHLETICS MEN'S BASKETBALL



- Won the Sun Belt Conference regular season championship; it was Troy's first SBC regular season title since 2010, when it won the league's East Division.
- Troy completed the Sun Belt sweep, winning three games in three days at the Sun Belt Tournament in Pensacola, Fla., including a 94-81 victory over Arkansas State in the Sun Belt Championship Game. It was Troy's second victory over the Red Wolves in less than a month after the Trojans defeated A-State, 71-70, in Jonesboro, Ark., in a nationally televised game.
- Troy closed the Sun Belt Championship Game on a 36-15 run over the final 10:07 after trailing by eight points, 66-58.
- Troy advanced to **March Madness for the first time since 2017** as the Trojans squared off against No. 3 seed Kentucky in Milwaukee, Wis.
- The Trojans finished the season 23-11 overall and 13-5 in the Sun Belt. Troy is the only Sun Belt program with 20 or more wins in four consecutive and the only program in the league with 10-plus SBC victories the last four seasons.
- Troy's **23 wins were its most in more than two decades** (2003-04), and the Trojans entered its NCAA Tournament appearance, having won six straight games and eight of their last nine.
- The Trojans finished the season ranked No. 19 in the final Mid-Major Poll.
- Tayton Conerway was named the **Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year** after averaging 14.2 points, 4.6 rebounds and 4.8 assists per game. Additionally, Conerway finished the season third nationally, averaging 2.88 steals per game. He is Troy's first SBC Player of the Year in program history.
- Troy played the season without a single NCAA Division I transfer on the roster; head coach Scott Cross built his team through the high school and junior college ranks.
- Troy head coach Scott Cross picked up his 100th career victory in Troy's regular season finale at Southern Miss, a 70-58 victory that clinched the Trojans' claim to a Sun Belt regular season title.
- Troy ranked 10<sup>th</sup> nationally, averaging 9.4 steals per game as a team and 11<sup>th</sup> with 13.85 offensive rebounds per game.

  Additionally, Troy's strong defense led to an opponent field goal percentage of just 40.6 percent, the 28<sup>th</sup> best in the country.
- Troy **led the Sun Belt in three statistical categories** and ranked in the top three in 12 of the 27 recognized by the NCAA.
- Trojan Arena was packed all season long, as Troy sold the **most-ever basketball season tickets in program history**.
- Troy posted an 11-4 mark in Trojan Arena, improving to 26-6 over the last two seasons. Additionally, Troy went 7-2 on the road in SBC play.



### TROY ATHLETICS INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES





SBC Coach of the Year



 SBC Player of the Year / 3<sup>rd</sup> in country in steals



- Golfweek All-American
- PING All-American



SBC Player of the Year / All-American / Troy career record for kills



100 Wins at Troy

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## TROY ATHLETICS INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES





• 250 Wins at Troy



• 100 wins at Troy



• Troy single-season rebounding record



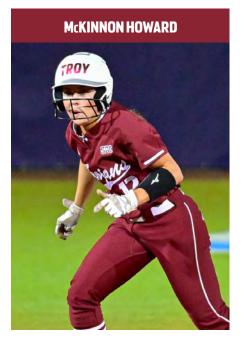
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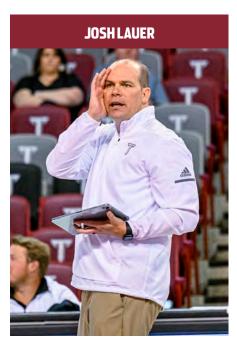
• Single-season runs scored record

### TROY ATHLETICS INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES





• Single-season batting average record



• 150 Career victories



Pentathlon record (Indoor)



300m record (Indoor)



1000m record (Indoor)

## TROY ATHLETICS INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES





**Shot Put record (Indoor / Outdoor)** 



100m record (Outdoor)



400m Hurdles record (Outdoor)



100m record (Outdoor)



Two Tournament Victories; first **Trojan since 2007** 

## TROY ATHLETICS INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES





 Single-game receiving yards record (FAMU)



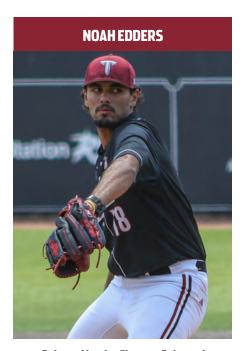
 Single-season walks record / reached base safely all 60 games in 2025



Single-season hit by pitch record



 Selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 8th Round of the 2025 MLB Draft



Selected by the Chicago Cubs in the 15th Round of the 2025 MLB Draft

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## TROY ATHLETICS INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES





 Selected by the Oakland Athletics in the 18<sup>th</sup> Round of the 2025 MLB Draft



 Signed a Free Agent Deal with the Minnesota Twins



 Signed with Verstärkt den sytainics MBC team in Germany



 Signed a Free Agent Deal with the New York Mets

#### KIERRA MONTGOMERY, IMARI JOHNSON, KYRA DALLUGE, REECE KNOWLTON



Sprint Medley record (Outdoor)



#### TROY ATHLETICS ALL-SUN BELT CONFERENCE SELECTIONS





VALERIIA AVEEVA WOMEN'S TENNIS SECOND TEAM



ALTWAYNE BEDWARD TRACK & FIELD SECOND TEAM



BROOKS BRYAN
BASEBALL
SECOND TEAM



EVAN BROWN TRACK & FIELD SECOND TEAM



BLAKE CAVILL BASEBALL FIRST TEAM



TAYTON CONERWAY MEN'S BASKETBALL FIRST TEAM



ZAY DYER Women's Basketball First Team



MICHAEL EADY TRACK & FIELD SECOND TEAM



ALYSSA FAIRCLOTH SOFTBALL SECOND TEAM



NICK FOWLKES MEN'S GOLF THIRD TEAM



GARRETT GAINOUS
BASEBALL
SECOND TEAM



MARIA GUIRGUIS WOMEN'S TENNIS SECOND TEAM



TORI HESTER VOLLEYBALL FIRST TEAM



KEYLAN HICKS TRACK & FIELD SECOND TEAM



McKINNON HOWARD SOFTBALL SECOND TEAM



BRENDAN JACKSON FOOTBALL THIRD TEAM



JASMINE JIMENEZ TRACK & FIELD SECOND TEAM



DANIEL KING FOOTBALL SECOND TEAM

## TROY ATHLETICS ALL-SUN BELT CONFERENCE SELECTIONS





DEVIN LAYAFETTE FOOTBALL HONORABLE MENTION



NOAH MARTENS MEN'S TENNIS DOUBLES SECOND TEAM



NICOLAS SIMKIN MEN'S TENNIS DOUBLES SECOND TEAM



TAYLOR McKINNEY SOFTBALL FIRST TEAM



LUIS MEDINA FOOTBALL HONORABLE MENTION



AAILYAH MURPHY TRACK & FIELD SECOND TEAM



YERAY ANDRES PASTOR
MEN'S TENNIS
SECOND TEAM



DEVONTE ROSS FOOTBALL FIRST & SECOND TEAM



ELI RUSS FOOTBALL HONORABLE MENTION



KADY SCHWIETZ TRACK & FIELD FIRST, SECOND & THIRD TEAM



BRANTLEY SCOTT MEN'S GOLF FIRST TEAM



JACK SPRINGER MEN'S GOLF FIRST TEAM



JORDAN STRINGER FOOTBALL HONORABLE MENTION



DAMIEN TAYLOR FOOTBALL SECOND TEAM



THOMAS TYDREKE TRACK & FIELD FIRST TEAM



SHANYAH WASHINGTON TRACK & FIELD THIRD TEAM



HAILEY WILSON TRACK & FIELD SECOND TEAM

